

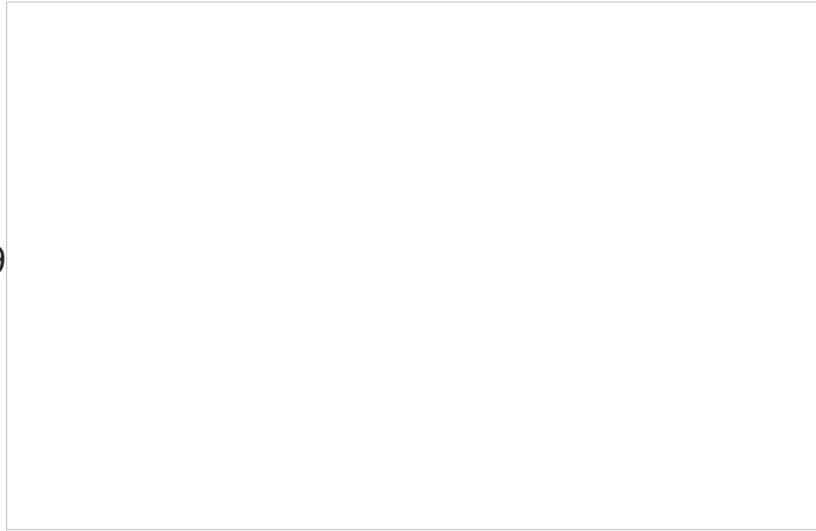


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Important Facts For Prelims (20th March 2019)

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Ind-Indo CORPAT 2019



- The opening ceremony of **33rd Edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat)** took place at **Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India**.
- The 33rd IND-INDO CORPAT, also coinciding with **70 of the establishment of India-Indonesia diplomatic ties**.
- Under this exercise, **the ship and aircraft from both the countries would undertake to patrol on the respective sides of 236 nautical miles long International Maritime Boundary line**.
- As part of the Indian Government's vision of **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)**, the Indian Navy has also been involved in **assisting countries in the Indian Ocean Region with Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Surveillance, Search and Rescue, and other capacity-building and capability-enhancement activities**.

SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)

- The **vision of SAGAR was enunciated by Prime Minister in March 2015**. It is an articulation of **India's vision for the Indian Ocean**.
- SAGAR has inter-related elements and underscores India's engagement in the Indian Ocean. These are **enhancing capacities to safeguard land and maritime**

territories & interests; deepening **economic and security cooperation** in the littoral; action to **deal with natural disasters and maritime threats like piracy, terrorism**.

- It also includes **engaging with countries beyond our shores** with the aim of **building greater trust and promoting respect for maritime rules, norms and peaceful resolution of disputes**

Mitra-Shakti VI

- Annual joint military exercise **Mitra-Shakti 2019 between India India-Sri Lanka** will be conducted in Sri Lanka.
- The **aim of the exercise is to build and promote close relations between armies of both the countries** and to enhance the ability of joint exercise commander to take military contingents of both nations under command.
- This exercise is one of the **major bilateral defense cooperation initiatives between India and Sri Lanka since 2013**.

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